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Officers Assaulted Inside Mission Valley Bar – Three People Arrested

Date/Time: 04-14-13 @ 12:30a.m.
Location: 100 Americas (XL Lounge)
Arrested: Felix Villa, 28 years of age of the 13000 block of Jeremiah
Arrested: Luiz Zeijas, 28 years of age of the 300 block of Citadel
Arrested: Sarai Zeijas, 23 years of age of the 13000 block of Jeremiah

EL PASO, TEXAS – Officers assigned to the Mission Valley Regional Command and Canine Unit of the El Paso Police Department responded to a report of a subject with a gun inside of the XL Lounge located in the 100 block of Americas at around 12:30 this morning. As officers arrived on the scene they entered the bar and observed an altercation taking place inside of the bar. The officers, in full police uniform, approached the altercation and began giving verbal commands to all parties involved in an attempt to stop the confrontation. Officers observed a man, identified as Luiz Zeijas, throwing punches at staff member of the bar. The officers attempted to restrain Luiz Zeijas when a second man approached through the crowd and behind the officers. That man, identified as Felix Villa, then began punching two of the officers in the face. Officers began struggling with Villa and were able to subdue him after a Taser deployment. The officers were then confronted by 23 year old Sarai Zeijas who attempted to block the officers as they were escorting Villa from inside of the bar. Sarai Zeijas was yelling at the officers and refused multiple orders from the officers to move out of the way. The officers managed to escort Villa out of the building and Sarai Zeijas followed the officers outside continuing her attempt to stop the officers



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from taking Villa from the scene. While outside Sarai Zeijas was placed under arrest for her actions. During this altercation other officers on the scene were attempting to place Luiz Zeijas under arrest for his actions inside the bar with the staff however he refused to be handcuffed and pushed officers away as well as struggled as the officers were placing him under arrest. Luiz Zeijas was finally placed under arrest after the struggle. Once the incident was resolved and peace was restored inside of the bar the officers met with the employee who had been punched by Luiz Zeijas. That employee stated to officers that he did not want to press charges at this time. The following charges were filed in this incident:

Felix Villa – 2 counts of Assault on a Public Servant (5 Outstanding Traffic Warrants as well) Total bond: \$6127.36

Luiz Zeijas – Resisting Arrest, Search or Transportation (3 Outstanding Traffic Warrants as well) Total bond: \$1456.03

Sarai Zeijas – Interference with Public Duties (4 Outstanding Traffic Warrants as well) Total bond: \$1433.86

All three were booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility. Officers did learn that Sarai Zeijas and Felix Villa are related as brother/sister.

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